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Excerpt of pertinent information :

The following are expressions of opinion by a member of the Communist leadership. He may be said to represent the feelings and intentions of the moderate Romanian Communists and seems to be well informed.

1. The Leftist program in Romania is incorrect and ill-advised. The Malaxa and other factory incidents prove that the FND lacks the support of the industrial workers. . .
2. The Malaxa incident marks a violent state of the crisis and the beginning of an armed conflict of the Right and Left forces. . .
3. The FND plans for Saturday's demonstration are said to be intended as the Left's show of armed strength, and bloodshed may result. They may even try to take some ministries and other strategic spots such as the Communications Building. The only possible change may come from negotiations by Radescu and the FND. Source is skeptical as to their outcome. The Left is not trying to get the support of Tatarescu's dissident Liberals and of Lupu, the National Peasant Left winger. Source is skeptical as to their support.
4. Maniu, the best political strategist in Romania, will force a Leftist show-down and make the Russians take sides. Source thinks that Radescu, Maniu, and their sympathisers can call together a large armed force of volunteers to aid the police against the FND, so that in an armed fight the Left may lost without Russian aid.
5. Source inferred that the Russians may lend strong support to FND to seize power if possible, but thinks that Russians do not know that the FND

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lacks mass support and their analysis of the situation is incorrect.
(OSS Comment: This is supported by Bucharest Press quotations of Russian attacks on Marin and Radescu, Russian radio criticism of Radescu, and strong articles in a so-called Army paper.)

6. Source believes that a coalition government with less power to the FND will result. This is based on the weakness of the Left, active American and British intervention, and the need to fulfill the terms of Yalta. He still thinks that Rumanian events will be decided on an international level, and that the Russians will insist on a government friendly to them. Since Radescu is now held by them as a reactionary leader he may have to be sacrificed with any final solution. At present the Russians will accept a coalition government if the FND does not show itself strong enough at the coming demonstrations.

This is all the pertinent information on subject in this document.

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